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Kirsi,

Thank-you for your call on Monday. After talking with our staff, the best time for EPA staff to have a conference call about the Federal Research Action Plan on Tire Crumbs is April 7th at 9 AM Washington DC time. Do you have a conference call in number we can use? If so, I am happy to distribute a meeting invite to the appropriate EPA and EU staff (please just let me know who from the EU to invite).

During our call on Monday, we discussed sharing materials about the tire crumb research efforts in the US and in the EU. A summary of the US Federal Research Action Plan is available online at www.epa.gov/tirecrumb. On this website, you can access a fact sheet about the Federal Research Action Plan (<https://www.epa.gov/chemical-research/federal-research-action-plan-recycled-tire-crumb-used-playing-fields>) as well as links to the public comment opportunity on two studies that are part of this effort, frequently asked Q&As about the study and a literature review. Also, attached is the internal communications plan that we used to announce the Federal Research Action Plan (please do not distribute). The communications plan includes key messages about the US Federal Research Action Plan as well as frequently asked questions and answers. We are also in the process of finalizing a stakeholder outreach plan. Please take a look at these materials and let me know if you have specific questions so that we can be prepared to answer them on April 7.

Also, please email us any materials or information you have about the EU's plans to research tire crumbs.

We look forward to talking with you on April 7,

Monica

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Dear Monica,

Thank you for your message.

As mentioned by Matti, we have initiated a preliminary investigation of the studies related to the health hazards of the substances in rubber crumb used as infill material in synthetic turf. This issue has been discussed at the European Union among the Commission and Member States and we are expecting to receive a request from the Commission to assess the risks posed to human health by the use of these material to determine whether a restriction of the substance(s) is needed.

As we know that you have initiated a research plan on this issue, we would like to know your plans in more detail.

I would propose to have the conference call already on next Monday 21 March: either at 9.00 or 10.00 Washington DC time (15.00 or 16.00 Helsinki time).

For your information I already contacted Ms Patty Wong from OEHHA, California and she promised to provide me with additional information related to their research project.

With best regards,
Kirsi

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Matti and Kirsi,

Thank-you for your inquiry regarding the US Federal Research Action Plan on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on Fields. If schedules permit, we could schedule a conference call with the European Chemicals Agency to provide an overview of the research plan. The US Environmental Protection Agency is partnering with the US Consumer Products Safety Commission as well as the Centers for Disease Control/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry on the Federal Research Action Plan. Please let us know your availability.

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Dear Kelsey Maloney,

I was wondering if you could help us to find the right person to talk about the Federal Research Action Plan on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on Playing Fields and Playgrounds. The reason is that here in the European Union, we are initiating similar albeit preliminary work and would like to discuss with a counterpart in the EPA.

Kirsi Sihvonen (in cc, tel [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy \(PP\)](#)) in my unit is our contact point. Petteri Mäkelä (who is our external relations contact point) has asked a similar question from his counterpart earlier today. I just saw that you were the contact point for the action plan and thought that you might know the answer immediately.

Thank you very much for your help.

Best regards,

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